

U.S. DOT VOLPE CENTER'S SOUTHEAST BALTIMORE ISSUES ANALYSIS

Overview of Study

OBJECTIVE

To evaluate and analyze transportation issues and impacts in Southeast Baltimore, and to develop comprehensive recommendations for overall improvement.

STUDY SCHEDULE

After concluding a scoping study in 2003, the full study began in August 2004. Important dates and tasks include:

Fall 2004 <i>Defining the Problem</i>	Stakeholder meetings were held to validate the Study's outline of key issues and other considerations for the Volpe Center to incorporate into the issues analysis.
Winter 2005 <i>Analyzing the Issues</i> <i>Cross-Cutting Issues</i>	<p>The Volpe Center will present the initial analysis of the Study's transportation related issues to the stakeholder groups.</p> <p>Major cross-cutting themes will be discussed based on stakeholder comments and priorities, and potential solutions will begin to be developed.</p>
Spring 2005 <i>Identifying Initial Recommendations for Action</i>	The Volpe Center will present BCDOT with recommendations resulting from the analysis and modeling of crosscutting transportation operations and infrastructure issues in SE Baltimore. Volpe will work with BCDOT to create a set of activities that can be initiated with available resources and presented to SE Baltimore's stakeholders to address crosscutting issues

Issues Analysis

WHAT WE DID WITH YOUR COMMENTS

- Collected feedback on issues from Fall meeting
- Developed Issues Paper, "Analysis of Initial Stakeholder Input," available on the website
- Plotted feedback on map of Study Area to determine location of issues and trends
- Divided Study Area into sub-groups for in-depth analysis

WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO WITH YOUR COMMENTS TONIGHT

- Complete analysis of issues, so all stakeholder understand why and how issues arose and can focus on solutions
- Prioritize issues and determine what localized issues can be addressed through your own efforts, what needs to be addressed by the City, and what issues are comprehensive in nature for the Study to focus on
- Create an initial list of proposed short-term and long-term solutions for sub-areas
- Determine gaps that require further research (modeling, interviews, data, etc.)

Other Useful Information

ORIGINAL 7 ISSUE AREAS

Volpe representatives organized issues into seven main areas, stemming from the preliminary “scoping” meetings held in summer, 2003.

1. Development
2. Transit service
3. Parking
4. Enforcement of existing regulations
5. Traffic impact
6. Roadway condition
7. Pedestrian and bicycle accessibility

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS-AREAS CREATED FOR IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

Geographic focus areas were created solely to allow for more detailed analysis of specific zones within the large study area that have similar issues or other commonalities. They have been named as follows to provide for ease in locating the groups, and are not intended to reflect all the areas that may be included within the boundaries.

1. Orleans-Fayette Corridor
2. Inner Harbor Gateway
3. West of the Park Area
4. Fells Point
5. Patterson Park Area
6. Canton/Brewer’s Hill
7. Eastern Waterfront Development Corridor

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES TO BE DISCUSSED ON MARCH 10TH

Within the overarching **land development/transportation impact theme**, several closely related sub-themes stand out as part of the comments collected by stakeholders. The issues listed below, and possible solutions, will be discussed in the next Winter Meeting, March 10, 2005.

- Transit is not considered effective.
- Truck enforcement is inconsistent.
- Parking is not perceived to be adequate.
- Conflicting objectives for the transportation system need to be reconciled.
- The current extent and safety of the bicycle network is questionable.